

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for adjusting a position of a toilet seat, comprising:
  - a first gear that rotates in response to a depression of a lever;
  - a second gear operatively engaged with the first gear such that a rotation of the first gear causes a rotation of the second gear; and
  - a flange secured to the second gear, the flange for attachment to a toilet seat for adjusting a position of thereof in response to the rotation of the second gear.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
  - a lever attached to one side of the first gear.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, the lever further comprising an upper portion and a separate lower portion of smaller diameter for fitting within an end of the upper portion.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, the upper portion including a securing screw disposed to secure the lower portion at a desired position within the upper portion.
5. The apparatus of claim 2, the lever further comprising a foot pedal.
6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the foot pedal is disposed above a floor when the apparatus is mounted to a toilet.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
  - a plate for placement on a toilet between a bowl and a tank;
  - a pair of brackets disposed on the plate for securing the first gear and the second gear.
8. The apparatus of claim 7, the pair of brackets each having a first bushing for receiving an end of the first gear and a second bushing for receiving an end of the second gear.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, at least one of the pair of brackets having a friction bushing for providing friction against the rotation of the second gear.
10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first gear and the second gear have a 1:1 gear ratio.
11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first gear and the second gear have a 2:1 gear ratio.
12. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
at least one friction bushing for dampening a rotation of the second gear.
13. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a friction bushing for dampening a rotation of the second gear, the friction bushing adjustable to provide varying amounts of friction.
14. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a toilet seat and a toilet seat cover secured to the flange.
15. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a toilet having a bowl and a tank, the first gear and the second gear disposed between the tank and the bowl.
16. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a cover for enclosing the first gear and the second gear.
17. The apparatus of claim 1, the first gear comprising a first geared shaft and the second gear comprising a second geared shaft.

18. A toilet comprising:

a foot operated mechanism disposed between a tank and a bowl, the foot operated mechanism comprising:

a first gear having a lever disposed on at least one side for providing torque to rotate the first gear;

a second gear operatively engaged with the first gear such that a rotation of the first gear in a first direction causes a rotation of the second gear in an opposite direction; and

a flange secured to the second gear, the flange further attached to a toilet seat for adjusting a position thereof in response to a rotation of the second gear.

19. A method for adjusting a position of a toilet seat, comprising:

depressing a foot operated lever to raise a toilet seat, the foot operated lever attached to a first gear that rotates a second gear, the second gear having a flange attached to the toilet seat; and

releasing the foot operated lever to lower the toilet seat.